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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT ALLOCATION FOR JORDAN

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR PICKERING, GOJ MINISTER OF SUPPLY, MARWAN AL-QASEM, INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF LIKELY GOJ REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN CY 1977 PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT FOR JORDAN. QASEM SEES BLEAK PROSPECT FOR DOMESTIC WHEAT PRODUCTION FOR 1976-1977 CROP. QASEM NOW ESTIMATES ABOUT 80,000 TONS BECAUSE OF LOW RAINFALL SO FAR THIS SESSION. EMBASSY'S OWN ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME IS ONLY SLIGHTLY HIGHER. IN ANY CASE, DOMESTIC WHEAT PRODUCTION WILL BE HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON JANUARY RAINS, AND RELIABLE ESTIMATES CANNOT REALLY BE MADE UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH. QASEM AGREED THAT PROSPECTS FOR DOMESTIC WHEAT PRODUCTION WILL BE MUCH CLEARER AT END OF JANUARY, BUTHE AND EMBASSY AGREE THAT OUTLOOK S NOT PROMISING AT THIS TIME. IF JANUARY RAINFALL IS POOR AND/OR LOCAL FARMERS DO NOT BECOME SUFFICIENTLY OPTIMISTIC TO SOW MUCH MORE ACREAGE THAN IS NOW PLANTED TO WHEAT, WE CAN EXPECT QASEM TO APPROACH MISSION AT BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY WITH REQUEST FOR FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF INCREASE OF PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT ALLOTMENT FOR JORDAN.

2. IN RELATED PROBLEM, MINISTRY OF SUPPLY HAS BEEN RECENTLY SELLING IN AMMAN FROM ITS RESERVE STOCKS FOUR TIMES NORMAL
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AMOUNT OF FLOUR REQUIRED FOR CITY IN REACTION TO POPULAR FEARS OF WHEAT/FLOUR SHORTAGE. MINISTRY SUPPLIES, NOT LARGE IN FIRST PLACE, ARE ALMOST EXHAUSTED, AND QASEM IS ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES FROM SYRIA AND KUWAIT. THIS AND OTHER EXPERIENCE HAS CONVINCED HIM THAT STORAGE FACILITIES FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS RESERVE STOCKS ARE NECESSITY. IN MEETING PRESENT SHORT TERM PROBLEM, HE ASKED

AMBASSADOR IF FLOUR MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO JORDAN UNDER
PL 480. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT WE HAD
NO FLOUR AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
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